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Potato Acreage Down From Last Year's Crop

Washington growers planted an estimated 160,000 acres of potatoes for the 2004 crop, 3,000 acres less than 2003, according to the Washington Agricultural Statistics Service

Idaho has 350,000 acres planted to potatoes this year, 10,000 less than the 360,000 acres planted for the 2003 crop. Oregon's planted acreage for 2004 is estimated at 40,000 acres compared to 42,800 acres in 2003. This reduction is due in part to the impending closure of a processing plant in the Columbia Basin. Also, lower demand for fresh market potatoes has contributed to reduced plantings in the Klamath Basin. With 550,000 acres planted to potatoes for 2004, the Pacific Northwest accounted for 53 percent of the Nation's acres planted to fall potatoes.

U.S. fall potato planted acreage is estimated at 1.04 million acres, down 6 percent from last year

and 8 percent below two years ago. Harvest is forecast from 1.02 million acres, down 6 percent from a year ago and 7 percent below 2002.

Eighty-eight percent of Washington's crop was planted to russets this year, with 9 percent planted to whites and 3 percent to reds. Idaho planted 95 percent of the crop to russets, 3 percent to whites and 2 percent to reds. Oregon planted 74 percent to russets, 22 percent to whites and 4 percent to reds.

Ray Garibay, WASS State Statistician stated, "This is the first acreage estimate for the 2004 potato crop in Washington. The first production estimate for the 2004 crop will be released November 12. Final estimates for Washington's 2003 crop (acreage, production and disposition) will be published September 23.

Fall Potatoes, 15 Major States, July 1, 2004

| STATE | PLANTED | | | HARVESTED | | | YIELD 1/ | | PRODUCTION 1/ | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------|----------------|------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 | 2003 | 2004 |
| | 1,000 Acres | | | | | | Cwt. | | 1,000 Cwt. | |
| Idaho | 375.0 | 360.0 | 350.0 | 373.0 | 358.0 | 348.0 | 344 | | 123,180 | |
| Oregon | 50.0 | 42.8 | 40.0 | 49.8 | 42.6 | 40.0 | 493 | | 20,991 | |
| Washington | 162.0 | 163.0 | 160.0 | 162.0 | 162.0 | 160.0 | 575 | | 93,150 | |
| Pacific NW | 587.0 | 565.8 | 550.0 | 584.8 | 562.6 | 548.0 | 422 | | 237,321 | |
| California | 8.3 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 8.4 | 7.7 | 410 | | 3,444 | |
| Colorado | 71.6 | 66.3 | 65.0 | 71.5 | 65.7 | 64.8 | 360 | | 23,652 | |
| Maine | 64.5 | 66.0 | 63.5 | 64.0 | 65.5 | 63.0 | 260 | | 17,030 | |
| Michigan | 46.5 | 46.0 | 43.0 | 45.5 | 45.5 | 42.0 | 330 | | 15,015 | |
| Minnesota | 62.0 | 60.0 | 53.0 | 57.0 | 58.0 | 49.0 | 385 | | 22,330 | |
| Montana | 10.5 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 10.4 | 10.6 | 10.6 | 315 | | 3,339 | |
| Nebraska | 22.0 | 23.5 | 22.0 | 21.8 | 23.2 | 21.5 | 425 | | 9,860 | |
| New York | 22.5 | 22.2 | 20.0 | 22.0 | 21.7 | 19.7 | 300 | | 6,510 | |
| North Dakota | 118.0 | 117.0 | 95.0 | 102.0 | 112.0 | 91.0 | 245 | | 27,440 | |
| Ohio | 4.5 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 300 | | 1,290 | |
| Pennsylvania | 12.5 | 14.5 | 12.0 | 11.5 | 13.5 | 11.0 | 290 | | 3,915 | |
| Wisconsin | 84.0 | 81.0 | 75.0 | 82.0 | 80.0 | 74.0 | 410 | | 32,800 | |
| Total 15 States | 1,113.9 | 1,085.9 | 1,020.6 | 1,085.2 | 1,071.0 | 1,005.9 | 380 | | 403,946 | |
| U.S. Fall Total | 1,134.1 | 1,107.6 | 1,037.8 | 1,105.2 | 1,092.0 | 1,022.8 | 377 | | 411,386 | |

1/ The forecast of fall potato production will be released November 12, 2004.

Fall Potatoes: Percentage of Acreage Planted by Type, 11 Major States, 2002-2004 Crops

| STATE | POTATO TYPES 1/ | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | REDS | | | WHITES | | | RUSSETS | | |
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
| | Percent | | | | | | | | |
| Colorado | 4 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 84 | 83 | 82 |
| Idaho | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 95 | 95 | 95 |
| Maine | 4 | 4 | 4 | 59 | 56 | 55 | 37 | 40 | 41 |
| Michigan | 3 | 4 | 3 | 85 | 83 | 84 | 12 | 13 | 13 |
| Minnesota | 29 | 28 | 23 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 60 | 61 | 67 |
| New York | - | - | 5 | 100 | 100 | 90 | - | - | 5 |
| North Dakota | 16 | 20 | 17 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 44 | 41 | 44 |
| Oregon | 1 | 2 | 4 | 30 | 26 | 22 | 69 | 72 | 74 |
| Pennsylvania | - | - | 4 | 100 | 100 | 96 | - | - | - |
| Washington | 4 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 85 | 85 | 88 |
| Wisconsin | 11 | 10 | 11 | 33 | 38 | 32 | 56 | 52 | 57 |
| 11 State Average | 6 | 7 | 6 | 24 | 23 | 21 | 70 | 70 | 73 |

1/ Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of the State's total. Yellow flesh potatoes are reported under white types. Blue types are reported under red types.

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